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TWELVE DEFENDANTS INDICTED ON CONSPIRACY AND OTHER DRUG CHARGES FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE ON ST. PHILLIPS STREET

Indictment and Arrests Follow Fifteen-Month Investigation

Twelve defendants are charged in a federal indictment on conspiracy and drug charges for distributing crack cocaine on St. Phillips Street in Selma, Alabama. The Indictment follows a fifteen month investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Selma Police Department with assistance from the Drug Enforcement Administration. The twenty-three count Indictment, returned by a federal grand jury, was unsealed today. The defendants were also arrested today and search warrants were executed at their houses on St. Phillips Street. Agents from the United States Marshals Service and the Alabama Bureau of Investigation also participated in the arrests and search warrants.

"This investigation and indictment are the result of the cooperation of federal and local law enforcement. We stand together in our fight against the drug trafficking that destroys the hope of young lives and the health of our communities," said United States Attorney Deborah J. Rhodes.

The Indictment charges all twelve defendants with a conspiracy, beginning in January 1999, to distribute more than 50 grams of crack cocaine. The twelve defendants, all Selma residents, are Darrell Oneal Thompson, aka "Big D," Otto Davion Thompson, aka "OT," Christopher Ford, aka "C-Ford," Frank Jeffery McGill, aka "Flossie B," aka "Frank-B," Kashif Deondre Norwood, aka "Cooperhead," aka "Copperhead," aka "Copperhead," Jakarta Algernon Bonner, Kenneth Taiwon Moore, aka "D-Mo," aka "Twon," Kevin Javon Moore, aka "K-Mo," aka "Boo-Baby," Anthony Bernard Daniels, aka "AD," Derrick Andre Daniels, aka "D-Daniel," Terrance Keoki Callen, aka "T.C," Kordell T. Sharp, aka "Rip," aka "Dreds."

Eight defendants – Anthony Daniels, Christopher Ford, Frank McGill, Otto Thompson, Kashif Norwood, Kordell Sharp, Kevin Moore and Terrance Callen – are also charged with substantive counts involving possessing crack cocaine with intent to distribute, on various dates during 2005 and 2006. The Indictment also charges several of the defendants with possessing marijuana with intent to distribute.

Based upon the quantity of crack cocaine charged in the conspiracy (in violation of Title 21, United States Code Section 846), each defendant faces a mandatory penalty of ten years and a maximum of life imprisonment, if convicted. Any defendant with a previous drug conviction could be subject to a

minimum penalty of twenty years, if convicted.

The defendants arrested today will be arraigned on the Indictment later this week in the United States District Court in Mobile.

An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless he or she is proven guilty at trial.

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